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BATTLESTAR GALACTICA

THIS IS STARBUCK • GALACTIC WARRIOR!

THIS IS EURAYLE • EMPRESS OF SCAVENGE WORLD!

IN THE VACUUM OF SPACE, THEY MUST DUEL TO THE DEATH!

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There are those who believe life here began out there, far across the universe, with tribes of humans who may have been the forefathers of the Egyptians. Or the Toltecs. Or the Mayans. Some believe there may yet be brothers of man who even now fight to survive somewhere beyond the heavens!

STAN LEE PRESENTS: BATTLESTAR GALACTICA...

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THE SHADOW OF A RED-HAIRED SIREN LIES HEAVILY ACROSS THE FLEET OF SPACESHIPS GUARDED BY THE GALACTICA, WHILE DEEP WITHIN THE BATTLESTAR'S LAUNCH BAY BETA, A GROUND CREW PREPARES AN ARMED SCOUTSHIP FOR DEPARTURE...

HELL HATH NO FURY!

...AND TWO MEN DISCUSS THE AWESOME TASK BEFORE THEM, FOR UPON THEIR SHOULDERS RESTS THE DESTINY OF... MANKIND!

CAPTAIN APOLLO, SIR, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, IS THIS TRIP REALLY NECESSARY?

FOR *YOU*, CAPTAIN! *FOR YOU!* IT'S A SURE BET THAT QUEEN EURAYLE ONLY WANTS ME AND I'VE FAST TALKED MY WAY OUT OF TOUGH SCRAPES BEFORE.

HOW'S THAT AGAIN, LT. STARBUCK?

BESIDES, YOU MAY NOT BE IMMUNE TO HER MIND CONTROL LIKE ME, SIR.

TRUE, ENOUGH, LIEUTENANT, BUT WE CAPTAINS JUST CAN'T LET YOU JUNIOR OFFICERS GO GALLOPING ACROSS THE UNIVERSE UNCHAPERONED, CAN WE?

MAYBE NOT, SIR, BUT I DON'T THINK EURAYLE'S HERE TO PIN A MEDAL ON MY CHEST. WE DIDN'T EXACTLY PART BEST FRIENDS.

YESSSS. I DON'T RECALL THE DETAILS OF YOUR DEPARTURE FROM SCAVENGE WORLD, STARBUCK. WE'LL *DISCUSS* THEM AFTER WE LAUNCH.

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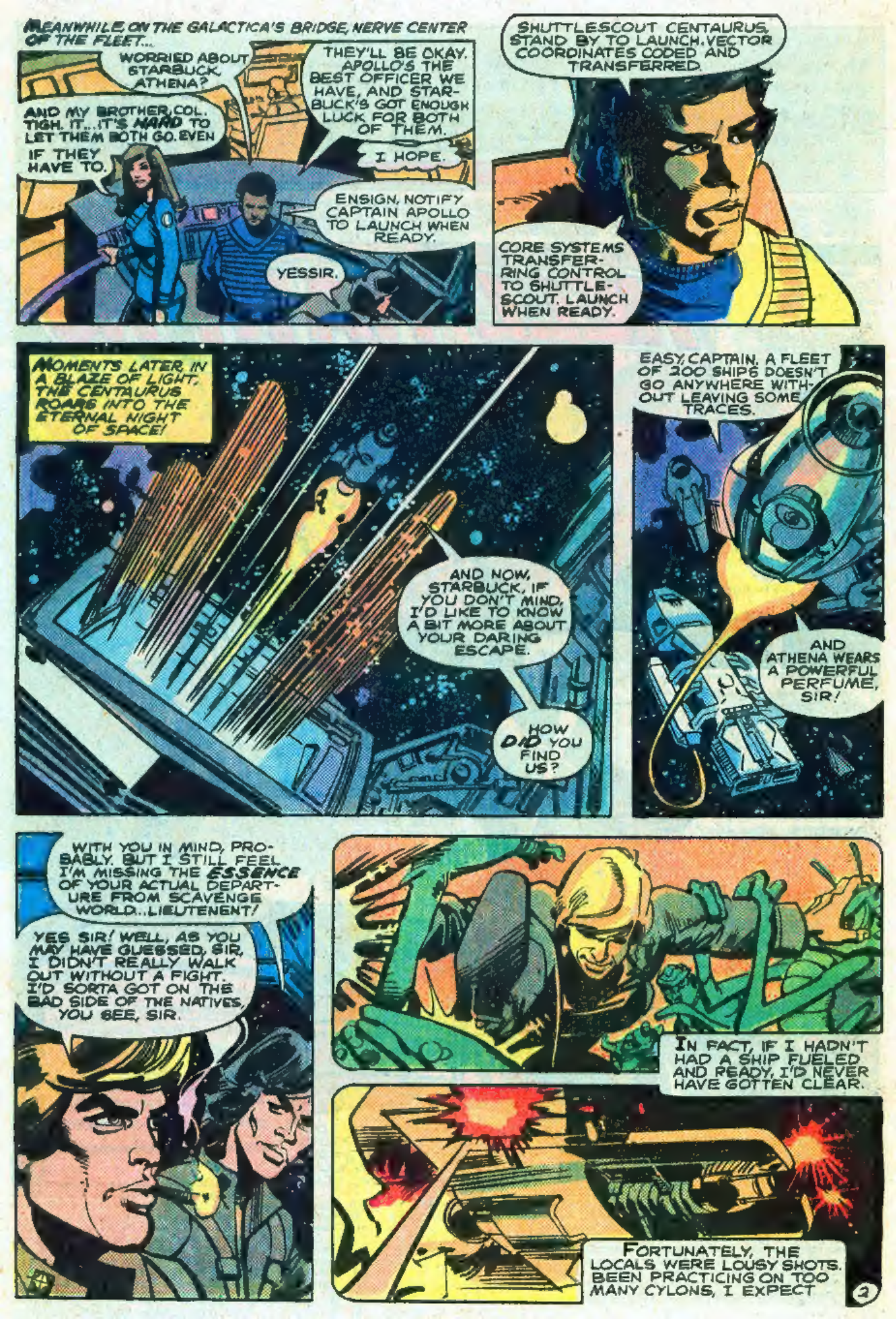
MEANWHILE, ON THE GALACTICA'S BRIDGE, NERVE CENTER OF THE FLEET...
WORRIED ABOUT STARBUCK, ATHENA?
AND MY BROTHER, COL. TIGH. IT...IT'S HARD TO LET THEM BOTH GO. EVEN IF THEY HAVE TO.
THEY'LL BE OKAY. APOLLO'S THE BEST OFFICER WE HAVE, AND STARBUCK'S GOT ENOUGH LUCK FOR BOTH OF THEM.
I HOPE.
ENSIGN, NOTIFY CAPTAIN APOLLO TO LAUNCH WHEN READY.
YESSIR.
SHUTTLESCOUT CENTAURUS, STAND BY TO LAUNCH. VECTOR COORDINATES CODED AND TRANSFERRED.
CORE SYSTEMS TRANSFERRING CONTROL TO SHUTTLESCOUT. LAUNCH WHEN READY.
MOMENTS LATER, IN A BLAZE OF LIGHT, THE CENTAURUS ROARS INTO THE ETERNAL NIGHT OF SPACE!
AND NOW, STARBUCK, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D LIKE TO KNOW A BIT MORE ABOUT YOUR DARING ESCAPE.
HOW DID YOU FIND US?
EASY, CAPTAIN. A FLEET OF 200 SHIPS DOESN'T GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT LEAVING SOME TRACES.
AND ATHENA WEARS A POWERFUL PERFUME, SIR!
WITH YOU IN MIND, PROBABLY. BUT I STILL FEEL I'M MISSING THE ESSENCE OF YOUR ACTUAL DEPARTURE FROM SCAVENGE WORLD...LIEUTENENT!
YES SIR! WELL, AS YOU MAY HAVE GUESSED, SIR, I DIDN'T REALLY WALK OUT WITHOUT A FIGHT. I'D SORTA GOT ON THE BAD SIDE OF THE NATIVES, YOU SEE, SIR.
IN FACT, IF I HADN'T HAD A SHIP FUELED AND READY, I'D NEVER HAVE GOTTEN CLEAR.
FORTUNATELY, THE LOCALS WERE LOUSY SHOTS. BEEN PRACTICING ON TOO MANY CYLONS, I EXPECT
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ABOARD THE GALACTICA, IN ADAMA'S QUARTERS...
THAT'S THE STORY OF STARBUCK'S ESCAPE, SHADRACK. HE AND APOLLO HAVE GONE TO MEET THE APPROACHING SCAVENGE WORLD FIGHTERS.
IT'S A GAMBLE, COMMANDER. IF EURAYLE ATTACKS, SHE COULD DESTROY HALF THE FLEET WITH HER MIND CONTROLLING ABILITIES.
WE STILL HAVEN'T FINISHED HARVESTING OPERATIONS ON JUNGLE-WORLD. UNTIL WE TOP OFF OUR CONTAINMENT VESSELS WE MUST REMAIN ON STATION HERE.
POSSIBLY. BUT I'M COUNTING ON LT. STARBUCK TO BE THE BAIT THAT WILL HOLD HER AWAY FROM OUR SHIPS.
AND ON APOLLO TO PULL THE BAIT IN BEFORE IT'S TAKEN.
PRECISELY. BUT IT'S REALLY THAT SHIP STARBUCK ARRIVED HERE IN THAT WE NEED TO DISCUSS NOW.
I HAVE HOPE, SHADRACK. THAT SHIP COULD BE THE LINK WE SEEK TO THE LOST COLONY, EARTH!
STARBUCK'S SURE THAT THE SHIP WAS A SCOUT CRAFT USED TO GUIDE THE ORIGINAL COLONISTS ON THE GREAT MIGRATION FROM KOBOL TO EARTH!
IF HE'S RIGHT, THERE MAY BE RECORDS ABOARD WE CAN RECONSTRUCT THAT WILL GUIDE US TO EARTH AS WELL.
BUT I'D HEARD THAT STARBUCK DESTROYED THE SHIP IN A HOT LANDING!
HE TRIED, BUT WE'VE SAVED THE WRECKAGE. I WANT YOU TO GO THROUGH IT, PIECE BY PIECE.
YOUR KNOWLEDGE AS FLEET MASTER-TECH MAY GIVE YOU THE INSIGHT TO RECOGNIZE WHAT NONE OF THE REST OF US COULD EVEN HOPE TO FIND.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, OLD FRIEND.
I'LL NEED A SMALL CREW, COMMANDER.
PICK THEM. BUT QUIETLY. WE CAN'T RISK DASHING WHAT HOPE THE FLEET HAS LEFT.
LT. JOLLY, REPORTING AS ORDERED, SIR.
AT EASE, JOLLY. I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A MOMENT.
GOOD LUCK, SHADRACK. DON'T FAIL ME.
COUNT ON IT, SIR. WE'LL CUT THROUGH THE FELGER-CARB.
GOOD! COME IN, LT. JOLLY. I NEED YOUR HELP.
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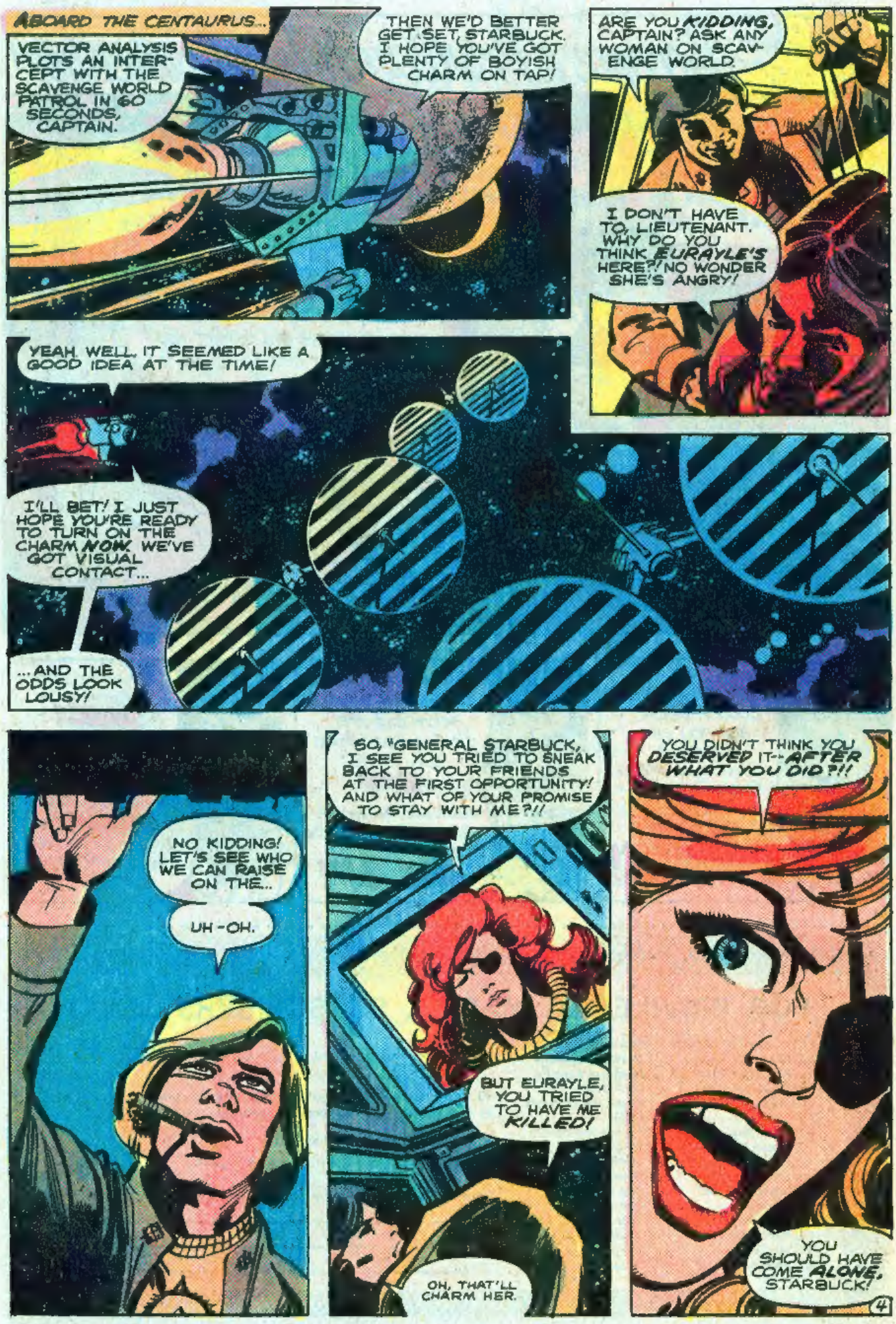
ABOARD THE CENTAURUS...
VECTOR ANALYSIS PLOTS AN INTERCEPT WITH THE SCAVENGE WORLD PATROL IN 60 SECONDS, CAPTAIN.
THEN WE'D BETTER GET SET, STARBUCK. I HOPE YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF BOYISH CHARM ON TAP!
ARE YOU KIDDING, CAPTAIN? ASK ANY WOMAN ON SCAVENGE WORLD.
I DON'T HAVE TO, LIEUTENANT. WHY DO YOU THINK EURAYLE'S HERE?! NO WONDER SHE'S ANGRY!
YEAH, WELL, IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA AT THE TIME!
I'LL BET! I JUST HOPE YOU'RE READY TO TURN ON THE CHARM NOW. WE'VE GOT VISUAL CONTACT...
...AND THE ODDS LOOK LOUSY!
NO KIDDING! LET'S SEE WHO WE CAN RAISE ON THE...
UH-OH.
SO, "GENERAL STARBUCK, I SEE YOU TRIED TO SNEAK BACK TO YOUR FRIENDS AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY! AND WHAT OF YOUR PROMISE TO STAY WITH ME?!!
BUT EURAYLE, YOU TRIED TO HAVE ME KILLED!
OH, THAT'LL CHARM HER.
YOU DIDN'T THINK YOU DESERVED IT--AFTER WHAT YOU DID?!!
YOU SHOULD HAVE COME ALONE, STARBUCK!
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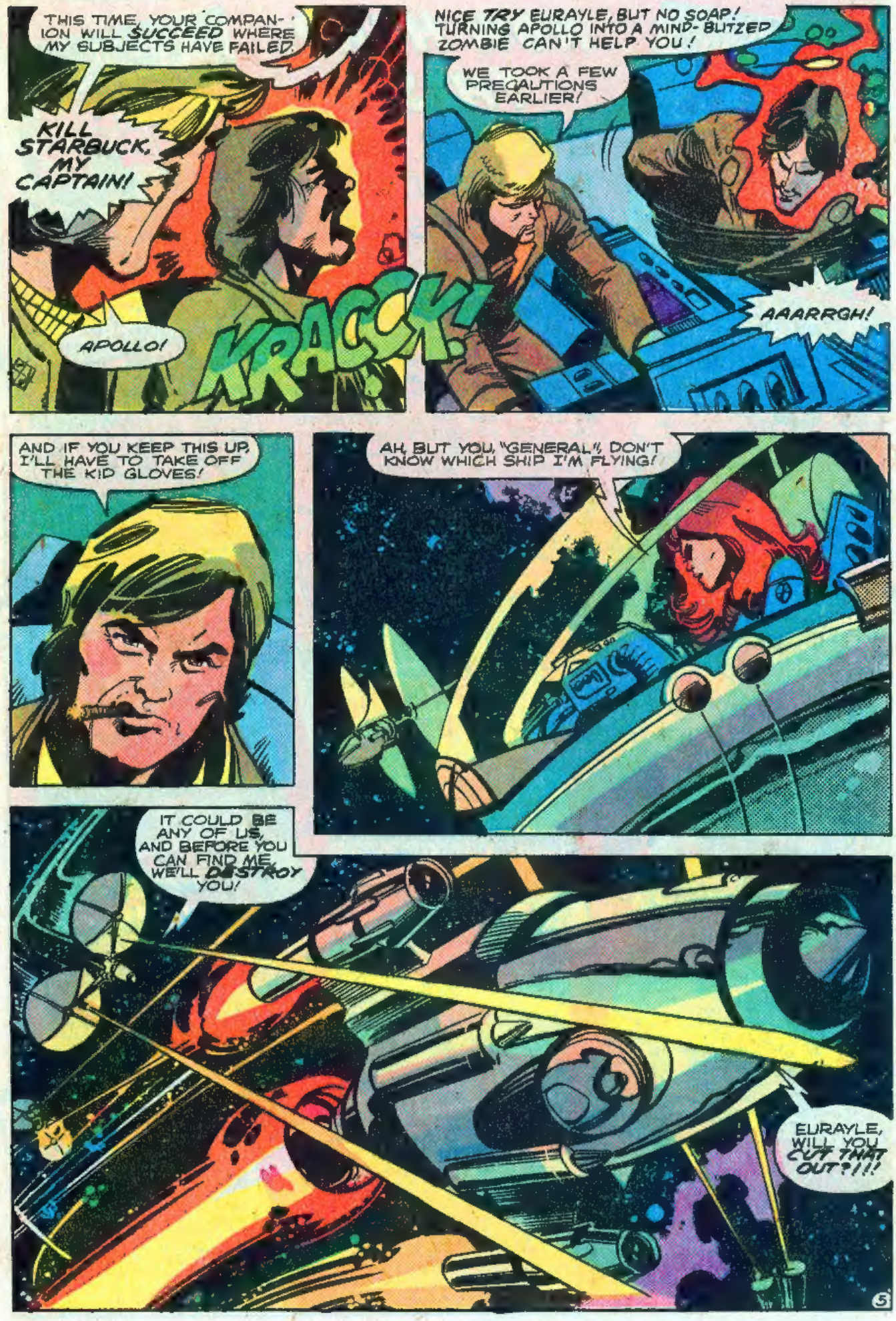
THIS TIME, YOUR COMPANION WILL SUCCEED WHERE MY SUBJECTS HAVE FAILED.
KILL STARBUCK, MY CAPTAIN!
APOLLO!
KRACCK!
NICE TRY EURAYLE, BUT NO SOAP! TURNING APOLLO INTO A MIND-BLITZED ZOMBIE CAN'T HELP YOU!
WE TOOK A FEW PRECAUTIONS EARLIER!
AAARRGH!
AND IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, I'LL HAVE TO TAKE OFF THE KID GLOVES!
AH, BUT YOU, "GENERAL", DON'T KNOW WHICH SHIP I'M FLYING!
IT COULD BE ANY OF US, AND BEFORE YOU CAN FIND ME, WE'LL DESTROY YOU!
EURAYLE, WILL YOU CUT THAT OUT?!!
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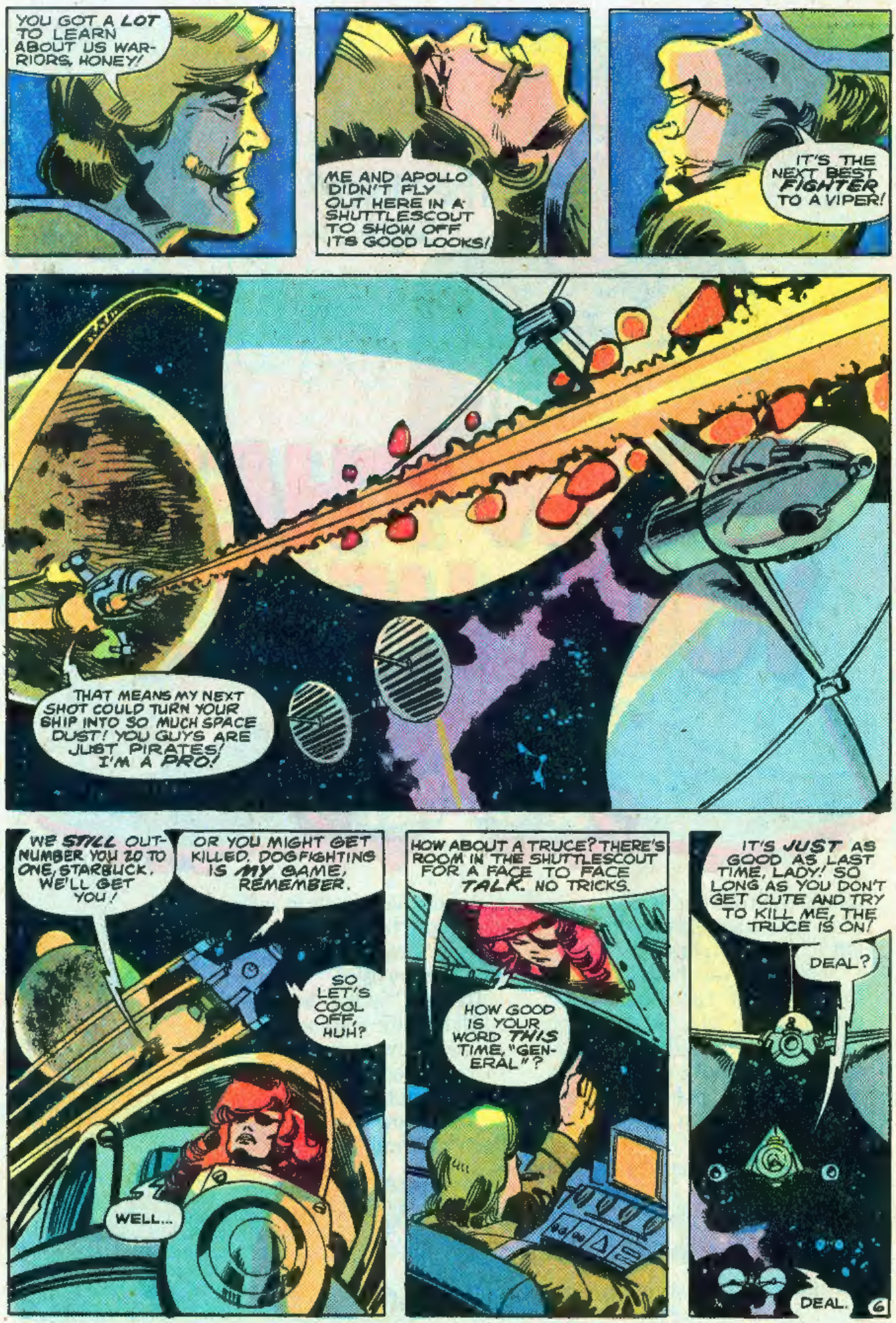
YOU GOT A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT US WARRIORS, HONEY!
ME AND APOLLO DIDN'T FLY OUT HERE IN A SHUTTLESCOUT TO SHOW OFF ITS GOOD LOOKS!
IT'S THE NEXT BEST FIGHTER TO A VIPER!
THAT MEANS MY NEXT SHOT COULD TURN YOUR SHIP INTO SO MUCH SPACE DUST! YOU GUYS ARE JUST PIRATES! I'M A PRO!
WE STILL OUTNUMBER YOU 20 TO ONE, STARBUCK. WE'LL GET YOU!
OR YOU MIGHT GET KILLED. DOGFIGHTING IS MY GAME, REMEMBER.
SO LET'S COOL OFF, HUH?
WELL...
HOW ABOUT A TRUCE? THERE'S ROOM IN THE SHUTTLESCOUT FOR A FACE TO FACE TALK. NO TRICKS.
HOW GOOD IS YOUR WORD THIS TIME, "GENERAL"?
IT'S JUST AS GOOD AS LAST TIME, LADY! SO LONG AS YOU DON'T GET CUTE AND TRY TO KILL ME, THE TRUCE IS ON!
DEAL?
DEAL.
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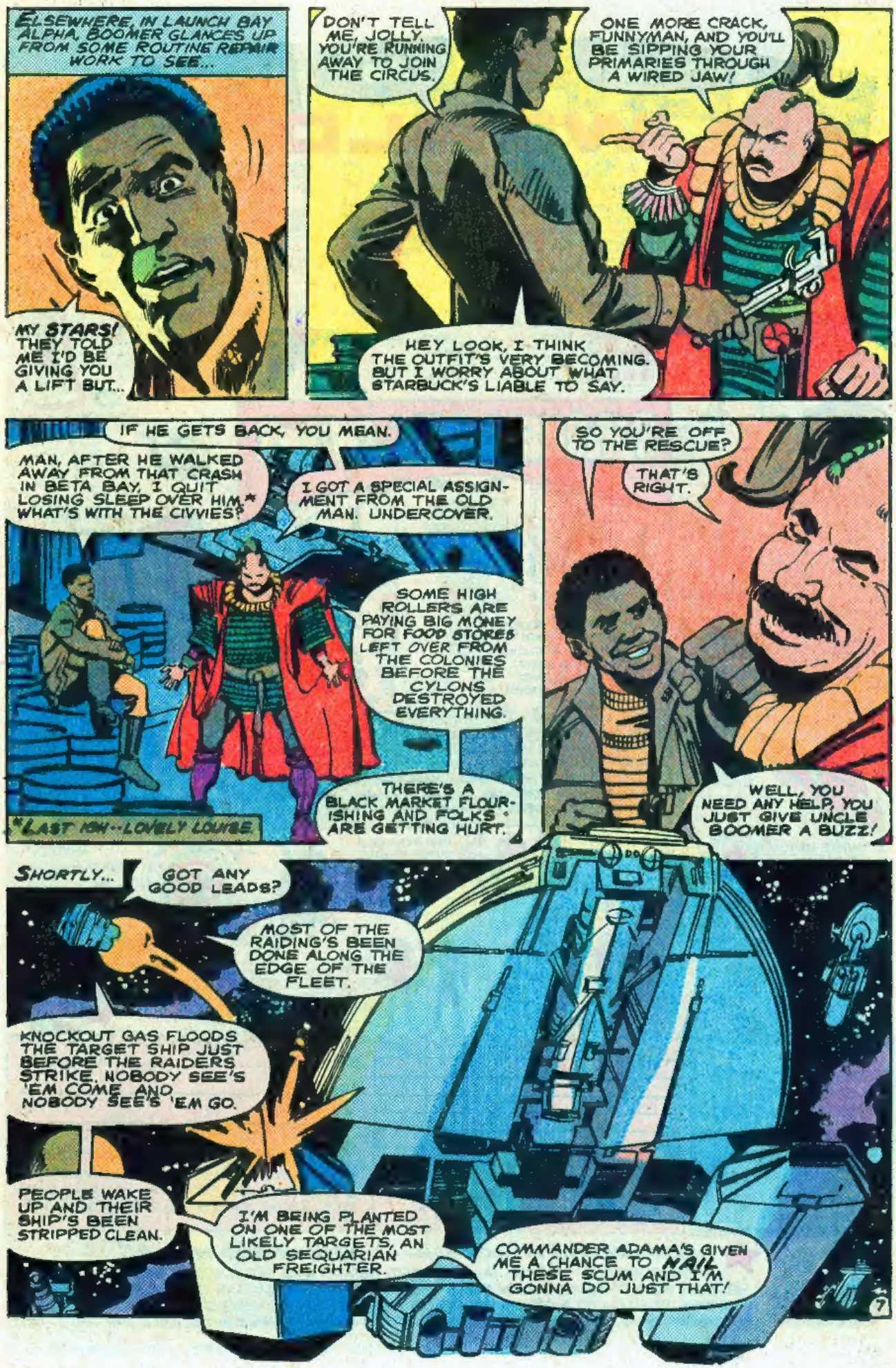
ELSEWHERE, IN LAUNCH BAY ALPHA, BOOMER GLANCES UP FROM SOME ROUTINE REPAIR WORK TO SEE...
MY STARS! THEY TOLD ME I'D BE GIVING YOU A LIFT BUT...
DON'T TELL ME, JOLLY, YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY TO JOIN THE CIRCUS.
ONE MORE CRACK, FUNNYMAN, AND YOU'LL BE SIPPING YOUR PRIMARIES THROUGH A WIRED JAW!
HEY LOOK, I THINK THE OUTFIT'S VERY BECOMING. BUT I WORRY ABOUT WHAT STARBUCK'S LIABLE TO SAY.
IF HE GETS BACK, YOU MEAN.
MAN, AFTER HE WALKED AWAY FROM THAT CRASH IN BETA BAY, I QUIT LOSING SLEEP OVER HIM. WHAT'S WITH THE CIVVIES?
I GOT A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT FROM THE OLD MAN. UNDERCOVER.
SOME HIGH ROLLERS ARE PAYING BIG MONEY FOR FOOD STORES LEFT OVER FROM THE COLONIES BEFORE THE CYLONS DESTROYED EVERYTHING.
THERE'S A BLACK MARKET FLOURISHING AND FOLKS ARE GETTING HURT.
"LAST ICH--LOVELY LOUISE"
SO YOU'RE OFF TO THE RESCUE?
THAT'S RIGHT.
WELL, YOU NEED ANY HELP, YOU JUST GIVE UNCLE BOOMER A BUZZ!
SHORTLY...
GOT ANY GOOD LEADS?
MOST OF THE RAIDING'S BEEN DONE ALONG THE EDGE OF THE FLEET.
KNOCKOUT GAS FLOODS THE TARGET SHIP JUST BEFORE THE RAIDERS STRIKE. NOBODY SEE'S 'EM COME AND NOBODY SEE'S 'EM GO.
PEOPLE WAKE UP AND THEIR SHIP'S BEEN STRIPPED CLEAN.
I'M BEING PLANTED ON ONE OF THE MOST LIKELY TARGETS, AN OLD SEQUARIAN FREIGHTER.
COMMANDER ADAMA'S GIVEN ME A CHANCE TO NAIL THESE SCUM AND I'M GONNA DO JUST THAT!
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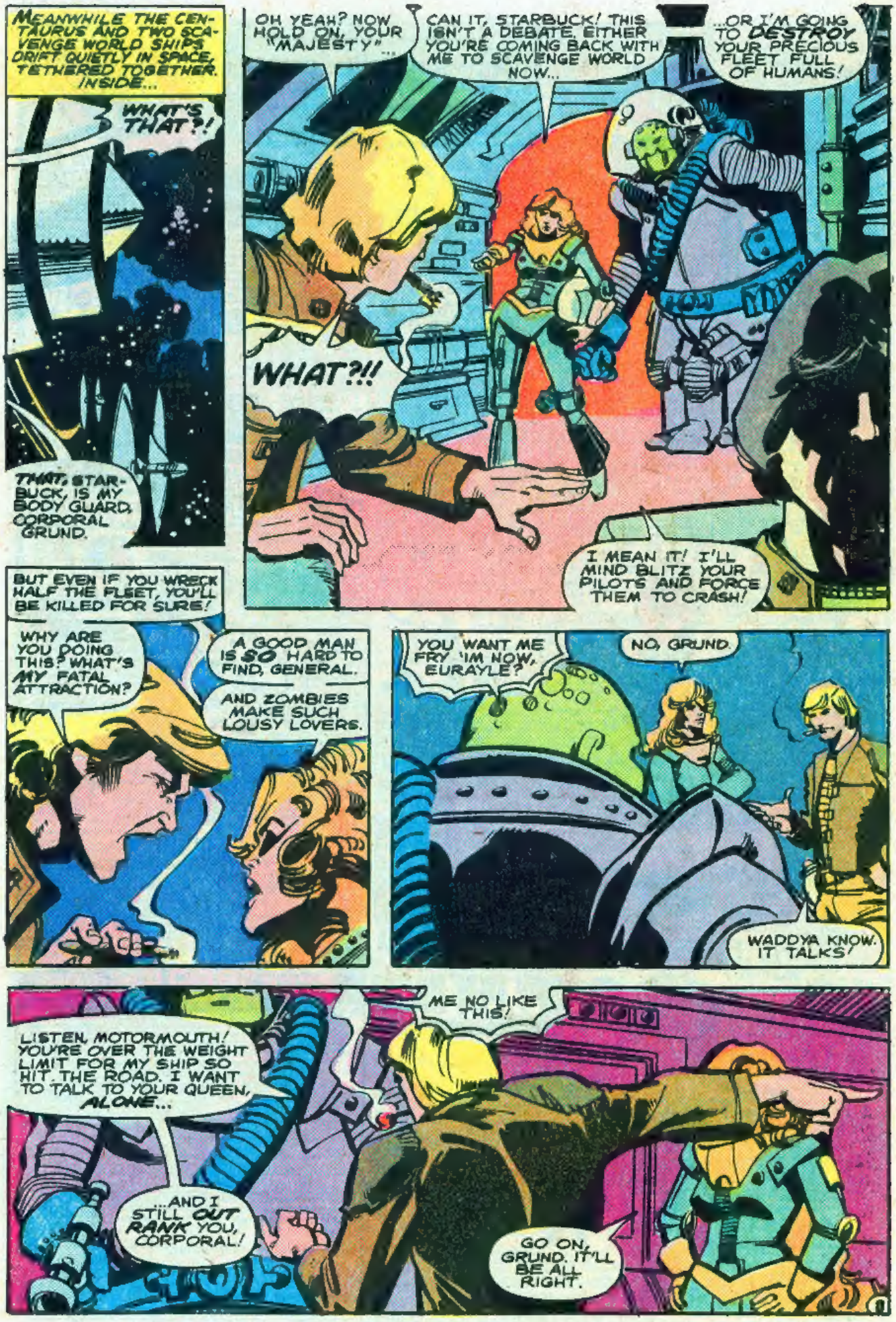
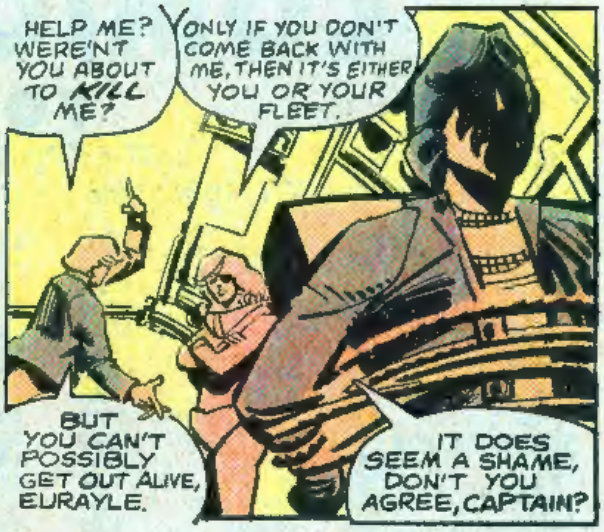
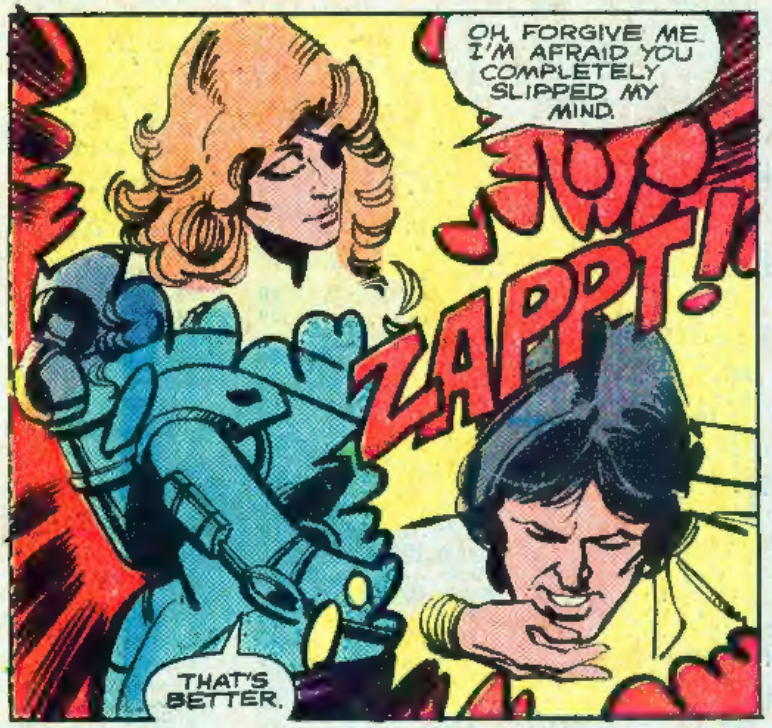

MEANWHILE THE CENTAURUS AND TWO SCAVENGE WORLD SHIPS DRIFT QUIETLY IN SPACE, TETHERED TOGETHER. INSIDE...
WHAT'S THAT?!
THAT, STARBUCK, IS MY BODY GUARD, CORPORAL GRUND.
OH YEAH? NOW HOLD ON, YOUR "MAJESTY"...
CAN IT, STARBUCK! THIS ISN'T A DEBATE, EITHER YOU'RE COMING BACK WITH ME TO SCAVENGE WORLD NOW...
...OR I'M GOING TO DESTROY YOUR PRECIOUS FLEET FULL OF HUMANS!
WHAT?!!
I MEAN IT! I'LL MIND BLITZ YOUR PILOTS AND FORCE THEM TO CRASH!
BUT EVEN IF YOU WRECK HALF THE FLEET, YOU'LL BE KILLED FOR SURE!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? WHAT'S MY FATAL ATTRACTION?
A GOOD MAN IS SO HARD TO FIND, GENERAL.
AND ZOMBIES MAKE SUCH LOUSY LOVERS.
YOU WANT ME FRY 'IM NOW, EURAYLE?
NO, GRUND.
WADDYA KNOW. IT TALKS!
LISTEN, MOTORMOUTH! YOU'RE OVER THE WEIGHT LIMIT FOR MY SHIP SO HIT THE ROAD. I WANT TO TALK TO YOUR QUEEN, ALONE...
...AND I STILL OUT RANK YOU, CORPORAL!
ME NO LIKE THIS!
GO ON, GRUND. IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU NEEDED A BODYGUARD? NOT THAT IT ISN'T WORTH GUARDING BUT...
KNOCK IT OFF, STARBUCK. I'M NOT HERE SOCIALLY.
AW, LOOK, EURAYLE. I COULDN'T STAY ON SCAVENGE WORLD.
YOU'RE REALLY A FOX BUT I JUST DON'T BELONG THERE. I'M NO GOOD FOR YOU.
ALWAYS THE CHARMER, EH, GENERAL. I'D SAVE YOU IF I COULD BUT EVEN I CAN'T HELP YOU.


HELP ME? WERE'NT YOU ABOUT TO KILL ME?
ONLY IF YOU DON'T COME BACK WITH ME, THEN IT'S EITHER YOU OR YOUR FLEET.
BUT YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY GET OUT ALIVE, EURAYLE.
IT DOES SEEM A SHAME, DON'T YOU AGREE, CAPTAIN?


OH, FORGIVE ME. I'M AFRAID YOU COMPLETELY SLIPPED MY MIND.
ZAPPT!!
THAT'S BETTER.

WHOO-EE! SURE FEELS GOOD TO TO STRETCH.
IT ISN'T EASY TO KILL EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO, IS IT, EURAYLE.

I DIDN'T KNOW IT SHOWED SO PLAINLY.
WELL, I HAVEN'T HAD MUCH TO DO FOR THE LAST FEW MINUTES BUT SIT AND LISTEN.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DON'T YOU GET IT, STARBUCK? THOSE OTHER SHIPS AREN'T HER ESCORT. THEY'RE HER GUARDS!

SHE'S GOT TO KILL YOU OR THEY'LL KILL HER. IT'S THE ONLY WAY SHE CAN REGAIN THE FACE SHE LOST WHEN YOU ESCAPED FROM SCAVENGE WORLD.
SO WE'VE GOT NO OPTIONS. YOU TWO ARE GOING TO SETTLE THIS SCAVENGE WORLD STYLE...
...IN A A DUEL TO THE DEATH!

WHAT???!!

SHORTLY, ON THE HULL OF THE SHUTTLESCOUT
YOU BOTH KNOW THE RULES. YOU FIGHT UNTIL ONE OR THE OTHER IS DEAD! NO QUARTER
YOUR WEAPONS ARE THE IMPACT WAR HAMMERS! YOUR WRISTS REMAIN TIED TOGETHER!
GRUND AND I WILL WITNESS THIS FIGHT FOR THE TWO SIDES. THE WINNER'S SIDE LEAVES UNMOLESTED
READY?
ANYTIME!
CALL IT!
I COULD BE CONDEMNING MY BEST FRIEND TO DEATH!
BUT IT'S HIS LIFE AGAINST THOUSANDS!
MAY THE LORDS OF KOBOL FORGIVE ME!
GO!!
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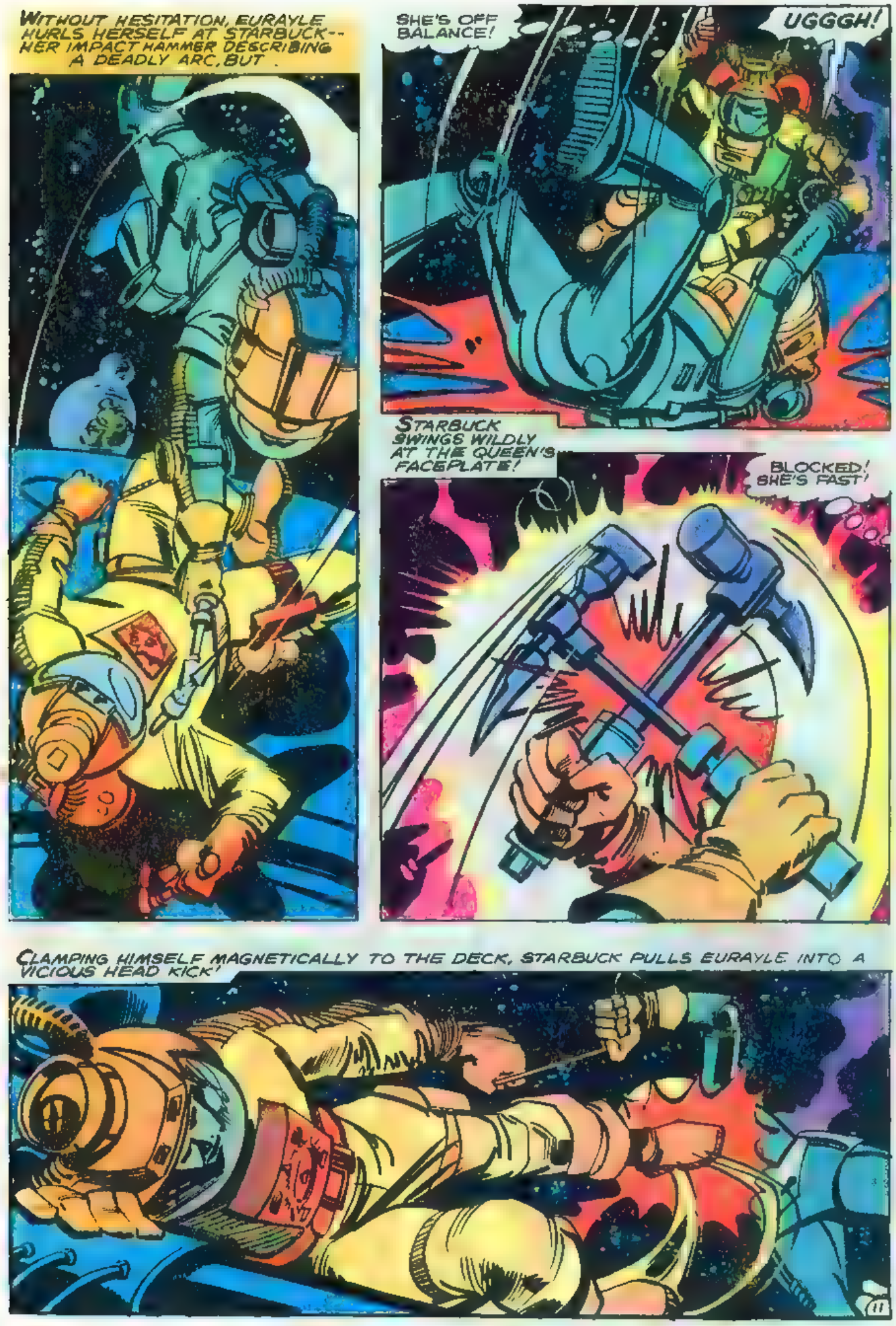
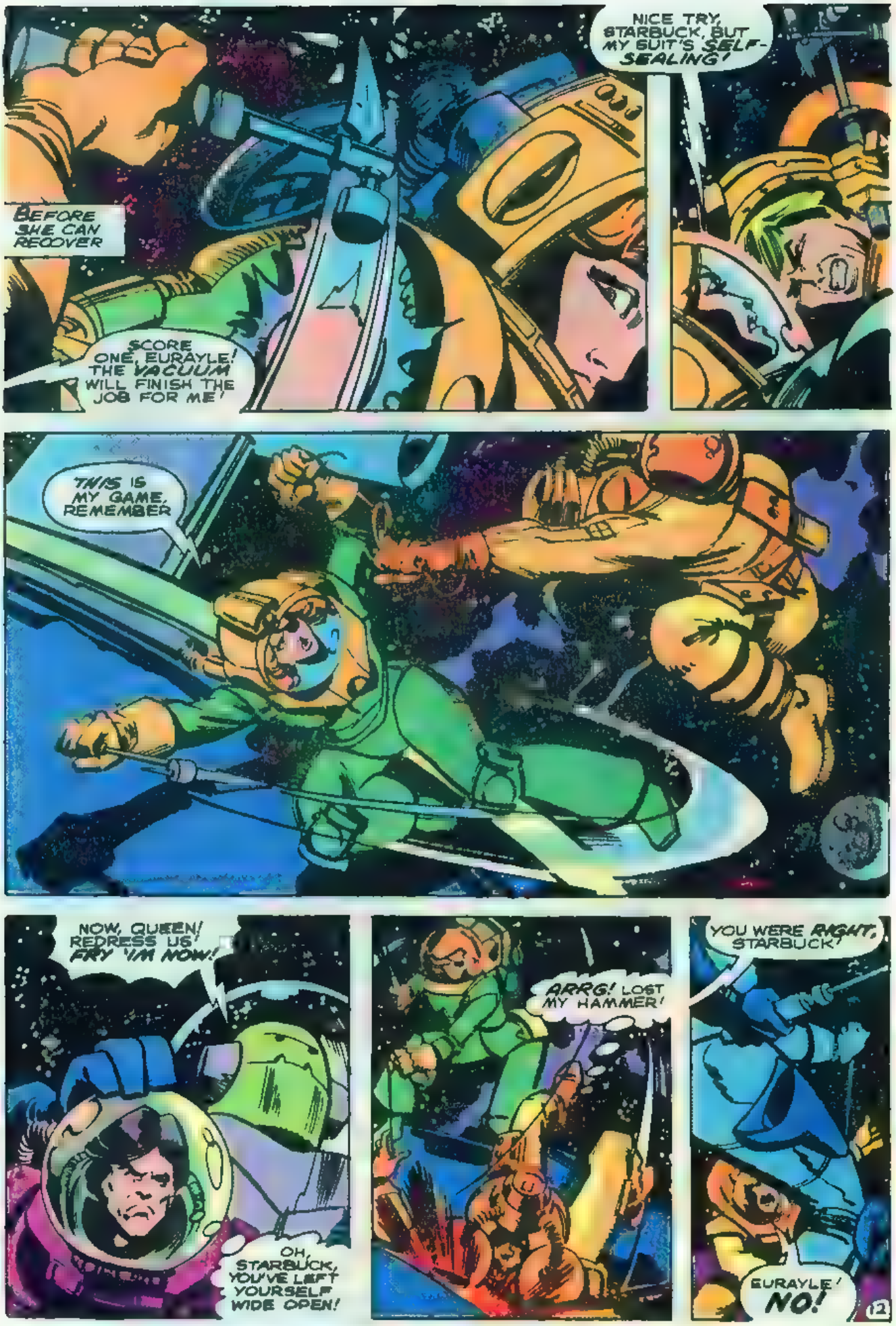

WITHOUT HESITATION, EURAYLE HURLS HERSELF AT STARBUCK-- HER IMPACT HAMMER DESCRIBING A DEADLY ARC, BUT .
SHE'S OFF BALANCE!
UGGGH!
STARBUCK SWINGS WILDLY AT THE QUEEN'S FACEPLATE!
BLOCKED! SHE'S FAST!
CLAMPING HIMSELF MAGNETICALLY TO THE DECK, STARBUCK PULLS EURAYLE INTO A VICIOUS HEAD KICK!


BEFORE SHE CAN RECOVER
SCORE ONE, EURAYLE! THE VACUUM WILL FINISH THE JOB FOR ME!
NICE TRY, STARBUCK, BUT MY SUIT'S SELF-SEALING!
THIS IS MY GAME, REMEMBER
NOW, QUEEN! REDRESS US! FRY 'IM NOW!
OH, STARBUCK, YOU'VE LEFT YOURSELF WIDE OPEN!
ARRG! LOST MY HAMMER!
YOU WERE RIGHT, STARBUCK!
EURAYLE! NO!
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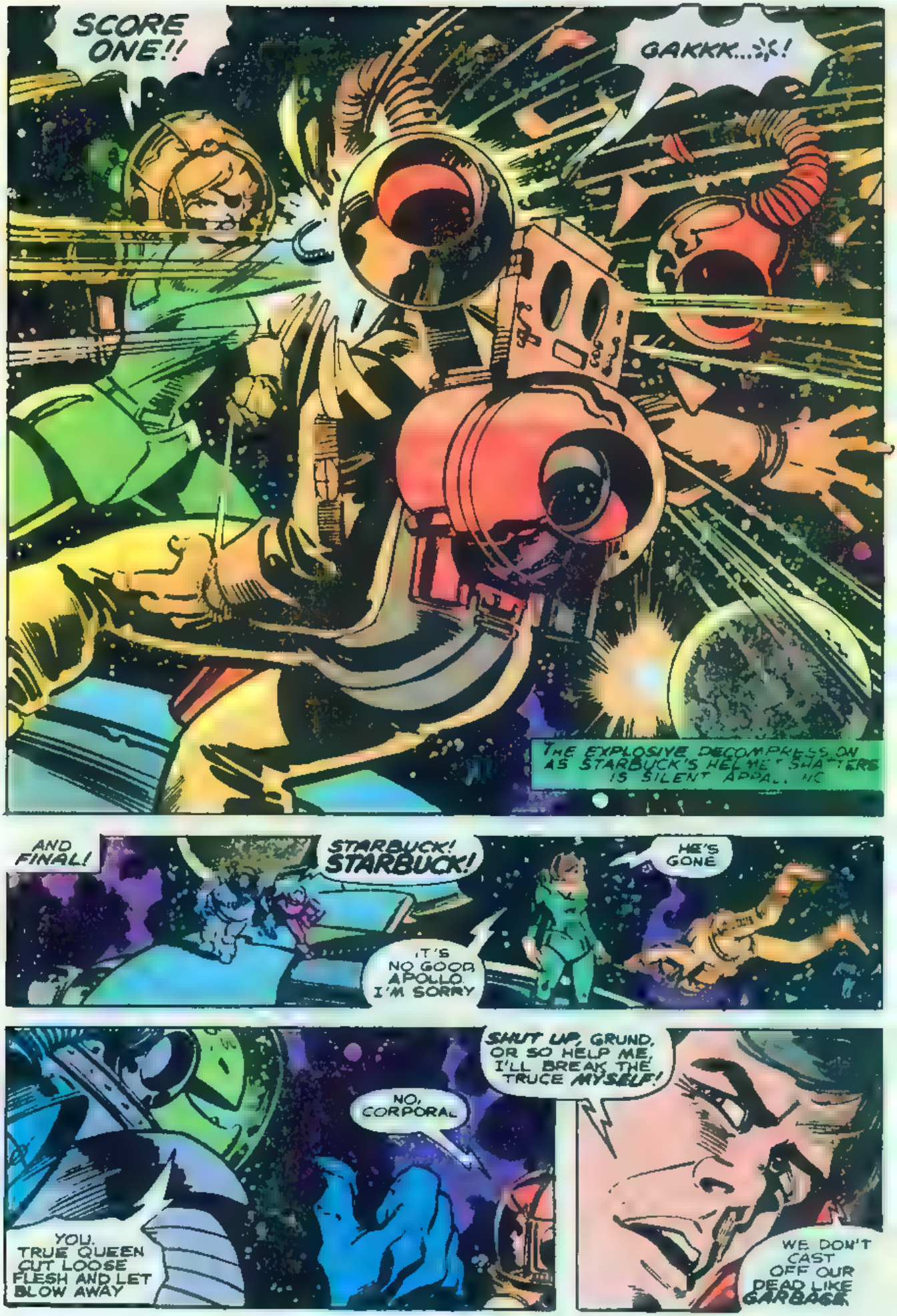
SCORE ONE!!
GAKKK...*!
THE EXPLOSIVE DECOMPRESSION AS STARBUCK'S HELMET SHATTERS IS SILENT APPALLING
AND FINAL!
STARBUCK! STARBUCK!
IT'S NO GOOD, APOLLO. I'M SORRY
HE'S GONE
YOU, TRUE QUEEN CUT LOOSE FLESH AND LET BLOW AWAY
NO, CORPORAL
SHUT UP, GRUND, OR SO HELP ME, I'LL BREAK THE TRUCE MYSELF!
WE DON'T CAST OFF OUR DEAD LIKE GARBAGE

C'MON, STARBUCK LET'S GO HOME
I'D LIKE TO COME TOO, CAPTAIN. THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO STILL.
VERY WELL
SHORTLY, INSIDE THE SHUTTLESCOUT..
REST QUIETLY, WARRIOR, YOU'VE EARNED IT.
UMMMM DEAD FOR SURE. YOU FORGIVE US DOUBTS, MY QUEEN?
IN TIME, GRUND NOW, CAPTAIN, IF YOU WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO CUT ME LOOSE?
YES THE NEED FOR THIS IS OVER
SNIK!
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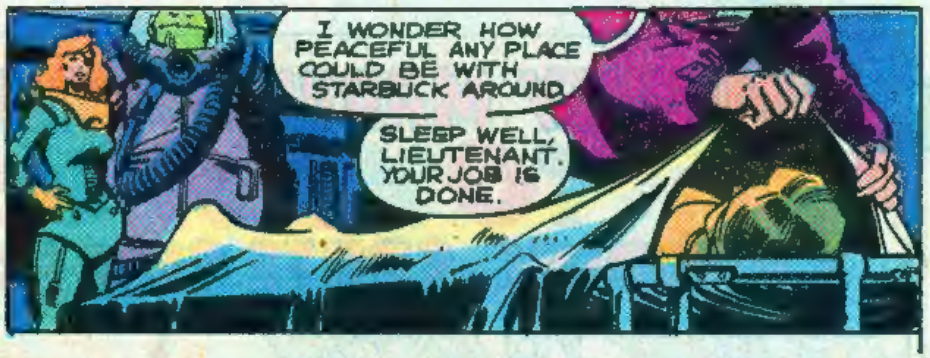
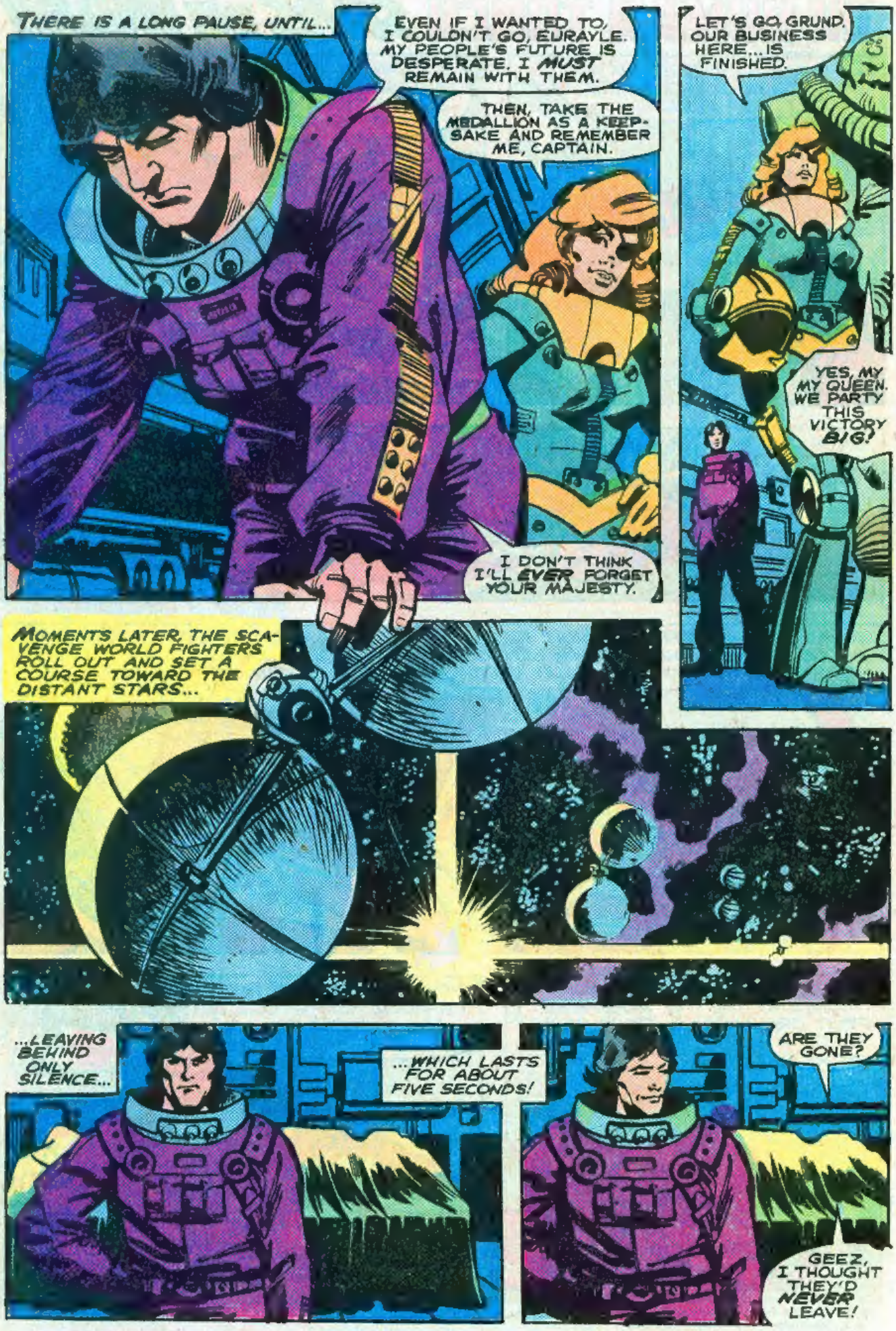
I NOW REMOVE THE SYMBOL OF LIEUTENANT STARBUCK'S RANK AS GENERAL OF SCAVENGE WORLD.
MAY HE FIND THE PEACE AS A SIMPLE LIEUTENANT HE COULDN'T FIND AS A GENERAL.


I WONDER HOW PEACEFUL ANY PLACE COULD BE WITH STARBUCK AROUND.
SLEEP WELL, LIEUTENANT. YOUR JOB IS DONE.

THIS WAS YOUR PLAN, APOLLO. THANKS TO YOU, YOUR PEOPLE ARE SAFE AND I AM STILL A QUEEN. I OWE YOU A GREAT DEAL.
FOR MY SAKE THEN, RELEASE STARBUCK FROM HIS PROMISE TO STAY WITH YOU ON SCAVENGE WORLD, EURAYLE.
THAT MEANS A LOT TO YOU DOESN'T IT, CAPTAIN. HONOR ABOVE ALL ELSE.

IF THAT PROMISE HAD BEEN YOURS, I WOULD NEVER HAVE LET YOU GO.
VERY WELL. STARBUCK IS ONCE AGAIN HIS OWN MAN.
BUT YOU-- COME BACK WITH ME TO SCAVENGE WORLD. YOU COULD BECOME MY GENERAL.
NO THANKS, EURAYLE. I DON'T LOOK GOOD IN GOLD MEDALLIONS.

I COULD FORCE YOU TO COME WITH ME.
I THINK NOT. YOU SAID IT YOURSELF. ZOMBIES MAKE LOUSY LOVERS.
ME AND MY BIG MOUTH. WON'T YOU COME WITH ME ANYWAY, FREELY?


THERE IS A LONG PAUSE, UNTIL...
EVEN IF I WANTED TO, I COULDN'T GO, EURAYLE. MY PEOPLE'S FUTURE IS DESPERATE. I MUST REMAIN WITH THEM.
THEN, TAKE THE MEDALLION AS A KEEPSAKE AND REMEMBER ME, CAPTAIN.
I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER FORGET YOUR MAJESTY.
LET'S GO, GRUND. OUR BUSINESS HERE... IS FINISHED.
YES, MY MY QUEEN. WE PARTY THIS VICTORY BIG!
MOMENTS LATER, THE SCAVENGE WORLD FIGHTERS ROLL OUT AND SET A COURSE TOWARD THE DISTANT STARS...
...LEAVING BEHIND ONLY SILENCE...
...WHICH LASTS FOR ABOUT FIVE SECONDS!
ARE THEY GONE?
GEEZ, I THOUGHT THEY'D NEVER LEAVE!

NEXT: A WORLD FOR THE KILLING!

BATTLESTAR BULLETINS

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Dear Louise, Steven and Walt,

BATTLESTAR GALACTICA has matured into a fine science fiction magazine. Steven Grant's issue continued that process. He handled the characters well, although Athena was somewhat more blustery than usual. "Ape and Essence" gave us a simple plot with enough twists to keep things interesting. Most of all, Steven and Walt kept the flow going from the excellent issues preceeding him. Of course, Walt Simonson, as co-plotter, has probably contributed much to maintaining continuity as the creative teams change. Now Starbuck is due to return, and BATTLESTAR GALACTICA will get a new writer. I'm anxious to see who has been given the job. As long as you can maintain the quality, GALACTICA will live long and prosper.

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Thank you, James. By now you know that Walt himself has taken over scripting chores on BATTLESTAR GALACTICA and I'm sure you'll agree that the quality of the book remains high.

Live long and prosper? Haven't we heard that somewhere before? —Steven

Dear Steven, Walt and Klaus,

I'm just writing to say: another job well done. I just finished reading BATTLESTAR GALACTICA #17 and thought it was an excellent introduction to Apollo's confrontation with Enoch of the forbidden fruit planet. I also think it was an excellent idea to have Saphire, Cassiopea and Athena crash on the jungleworld — for it seems that to the winner belong the spoils. Keep up the good work.

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Thanks for the praise, S., but I don't really like to look on the three women pilots as *spoils*. I mean, they weren't really prizes that Enoch and Apollo fought over, they were just a few more players in the game, as GALACTICA #18 showed. The true spoils were humanity — and the stars. —Steven

Dear Fellow Warriors,

I never thought I would hear myself saying this, but "Ape and Essence" was not one of my favorite stories. I think you had the makings of a really good story here, but you went off in the wrong direction. I did like the idea of the fruit tempting Enoch, but I think you could have found a better side effect. I didn't even mind him turning into an ape-like monster, if only you did't have him looking like a red Hulk. You could have come up with something more original.

In closing, I'd like to say — BRING BACK STARBUCK. May the Lords of Kobol be with you.

Kevin Halstead
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Actually, Kevin, we were thinking of coloring the transformed Enoch *green*, but... well, you can see how confusing *that* would have been.

Starbuck's back. Now you owe *us* one. —Steven

Dear Council of Twelve,

I have one complaint about BATTLESTAR GALACTICA #17. As and ape-man, Enoch would be too big for the cockpit of the viper, wouldn't he?

Robert Ray
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Actually, no. While the shoulder room might have been a bit tight, Enoch would fit comfortably into the cockpit of a viper. For a real squeeze, consider issue #18, where Boomer has to bring Saphire, Athena and Cassiopea back from Jungleworld together — *in a single viper* (not, I suspect, that there were any complaints from Boomer.)

—Steven Grant

Dear Marvel,

I am hoping you can help me. I love to write letters and I am looking for pen pals who also share my interest in Battlestar Galactica and like to write. Please!

Debbie Jacobs
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Dear Marvel,

Pulp. That's all the original "Battlestar Galactica" stories you've written so far. (sic)

You guys can write screwball fantasy (perhaps if you're stoned when your read it) but Sci-Fi? You're absolutely lost. Why don't you get an established Sci-Fi writer?

I don't want to see "Battlestar Galactica" ruined by your trashy writing.

Michael A. Sopko
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Cleveland, OH 44111

What was that? Sorry, we seem to be several with the universe today. It must be all that felgercarb we've been smoking! — Walt

The following is a letter we received here at Marvel. It's been shortened a little to conserve space. Otherwise, the letter is being run verbatim. We thought it was worth printing. —Louise

Dear, Sir

Now, I do interesting Battlestar 1980 at T.V. in A.B.C. before I didn't interesting Battlestar Galactica (old) because I made to born by I'm deaf. Now, I do interesting it because Battlestar went to touch the earth right. T.V. show me. It was very fun by watching the T.V. I did laugh, the motorcycle did do to fly, the people were surprise at two men fly the motorcycle. I am 14 old years. I did wish to get the spaces for future at 1999. I am lucky by live at future. I did get the interesting to watch the Battlestar 1980 at T.V.

Because its were more fun by touch the earth, I did do to get the better Battlestar 1980 than Battlestar Galactica. OK.

I will be lucky. If you want to letter at me, You will talk me, You will be your friend at me. OK. I live to there.

Tom Prokop
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